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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,6-10,13,15 and 19-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,6-10,13 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 19-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 15, and has added new claims 19-26.

These amended and newly presented claims are addressed below.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 19-26 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- Claim 19, lines 16-17, describes inserting “K-1 zeros per sampling value of the digital signal into the digital signal”.
- Claim 19, line 18, describes “a digital filter device for filtering the digital signal.”
- Claim 26, lines 16-17, describes inserting “K-1 zeros per sampling value of the digital signal into the digital signal”.
- Claim 26, line 18, describes “a digital filter device for filtering the digital signal.”

In each of the above limitations, it is suggested that “the digital signal” referred to be clarified, as K digital signals are previously recited.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. Claim 26 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 19.

When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1, 6-10, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 1 and 15 recite a multiplexer for multiplexing the K digital signals resulting in K multiplexed signals. However, the instant application discloses a multiplexer that receives the K digital signals but provides a multiplexed output of less than K signals ($N < K$), as shown in Figure 4. This is also described in page 14, lines 10-24 of the specification, where the multiplexer is described as having K inputs but one ($N=1$) output. Therefore, the added limitations of a multiplexer that multiplexes K digital signals resulting in K multiplexed signals is deemed new matter, and claims 1, 6-10, 13 and 15 thus fail to comply with the written description requirement.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 19-25 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Kim et al. U.S. Patent 5,544,128 disclose a receiver having a signal-receiving device providing K analog reception signals, a signal pre-processing device having K A/D converters, where zeros are padded to the data output from the A/D converters (col. 6, lines 55-59), and a digital filter 90 for filtering the signals with the inserted zeros. However, Kim et al. do not disclose digital zero-inserting elements for inserting K-1 zeros per sampling value of the digital signal, and a digital filter device having memory elements formed by shift registers of length K.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David B. Lugo whose telephone number is 571-272-3043. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F; 9:30-6.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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